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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

This month, we have a few holidays coming up, including Valentine’s Day, which we’re celebrating with a couple activities, and President’s Day, when we’ll be closed. We’ll be **closed all day** on Monday, **February 19** and will resume regular hours the next day.



While we’re closed, you can still return items to our drop boxes, and you can access our databases and eBook collection online. You’ll need a valid library card and PIN for these, so please see the front desk if you need help getting either.

Adults

Adult Winter Reading runs from Tuesday, **January 2** - Saturday, **March 16**. Register and pick up your winter reading bookmark. Complete the bookmark and receive a small prize.



Our **Adult Coloring Club** meets on the first and third Thursday of each month. This week, we’ll meet on **February 1 & 15** from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Our monthly **Adult Book Talk** will meet on Thursday, **February 1** from 1 - 2 p.m. To join this club, you can come talk about your recent reads.

In our other book club, **On the Same Page**, we all read the same book at the same time. The next date will be Thursday, **March 21** at 6:30. We’re reading **The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn**, a fictionalized account of a real female sniper, in honor of Women’s History Month. Registration is required.

If you enjoy hobbies with thread or yarn, like embroidery, crocheting, or knitting, you’re welcome to join **A Good Yarn**. This month, they’ll meet Thursday, **February 1** from 2 - 4 p.m. and Tuesday, **February 20** from 6 - 7:45 p.m.

Create your own heart flowers just in time for Valentine’s Day! Our **Heart Paper Flowers** craft is for adults only. Space is limited, and registration is required. This program is on Tuesday, **February 6** at 6 p.m.

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Teens

Our **Teen Advisory Board** (TAB) puts together different library activities, and it's always looking for new teen members! Our next meeting is on Saturday, **February 10** at 1:30 p.m.

Kids

Spring Story Time registration opens on Monday, **February 5**. This year, Preschool Story Time (37 months - kindergarten) will be on Tuesdays from March 5 - April 23 at 11:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Toddler Story Time (12 - 36 months) will be on Thursdays from March 7 - April 18 at 11:00 a.m., for ages 12 – 36 months.

Grades 3 - 5 can enjoy monthly STEM projects with **Creation Station**. This month, we'll meet on Wednesday, **February 21** from 6 - 7 p.m., and we'll explore **Lunar New Year**. Learn about traditions and enjoy a fun activity related to this holiday. Registration is required.



Kids under kindergarten age can also take part in our ongoing **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program**. Register at our circulation desk and pick up your first reading log. Track what you read to your child in the reading log and earn prizes every 100 books you reach. Once you make it to 1,000 books, your child will get a certificate and a prize.

There is a drop-in **Family Story Time** on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. from **January 25 - February 29**. This is for Toddlers – Kindergarteners. No registration is required.

All Ages

Members of the public are welcome to attend our **Board of Trustees Meetings**. The next takes place on Thursday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Create your own Harry Potter **Fandom Valentine** with this take home craft! Space is limited, and registration is required. You can pick it up during our open hours any time from Monday, **February 12** - Saturday, **February 17**.

During this month's **Movie Night**, we'll watch **Black Knight**. Martin Lawrence plays Jamal, an employee in Medieval World amusement park. After sustaining a blow to the head, he awakens to find himself in 14th century England. Watch it with us on Wednesday, **February 28** at 6 p.m.

Database Spotlight: MyHeritage Library Edition

There's a new ancestry database available through POWER Library called **MyHeritage**. Available in 42 languages, MyHeritage is the industry's most multilingual family history research database. It includes billions of historical documents from 48 countries, millions of historical photos, public records, indexes, and additional resources that span the past five centuries. To find this database, go to the **POWER Library** page under Research & Learn on the menu of our website (www.whitehallpl.org).

Book Nook: Dragons

There are some beliefs that are shared across cultures around the globe. Dragons are one of them. The origin of the word “dragon” can be traced back to Sanskrit. The first depiction of a dragon was found in China and dates about 6200 B.C. In most cultures, early dragons were serpent-like. Many places of the world are inhabited by large and poisonous snakes which makes them feared and evil and thus, dragons, too. Over time, dragon depictions added limbs, wings, and special abilities such as fire breathing.



Many scholars say that throughout history, man has found dinosaur fossils, and that is likely the source of dragons and the mythology created for them. Early humans appeared about 66 million years after the extinction of land dinosaurs.

Imagine you are an early Homo Sapien, uncovering an animal skull that is 5 feet in length, which is the average size of a dinosaur skull. Even if you live in Africa, where an elephant’s skull is about 34 inches, you don’t have a frame of reference to know what sort of creature you found, especially if that skull has horns. By now, the villagers are gathering around and gaping at your discovery. How many nights do all of you spend around a campfire discussing what that creature was and how it lived? An outsider passes through your village and sees the skull, and shares a story about a different one, and what those other villagers said about it. This is how myths are formed and dispersed.

This month, we will be entering the Lunar Year of the Dragon. We have lots of books about dragons, and many book series with them. For adults, we have *The Empyrean Cycle* by Rebecca Yarros, *The Inheritance Cycle* by Christopher Paolini, *A Song of Ice and Fire* (a.k.a. Game of Thrones) by George R.R. Martin, *The Dragon Heart Legacy* by Nora Roberts, *Blood and Ash* by Jennifer L. Armentrout, and more. Series children might enjoy include *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell, *Dragonwatch* by Brandon Mull, *Wings of Fire* by Tui T. Sutherland, and *Harry Potter* by J. K. Rowling. Just use the word “Dragon” in a subject search and you’re on your way to hours of adventure.

Of course, there are many songs about dragons, too. “Puff the Magic Dragon” was on the charts when many of us were young. Talk about Sticky Song Syndrome (earworm)! Happy New Year!

~ Chris Andrews

Museum Pass Spotlight: Reading Public Museum

This February, visit the **Reading Public Museum!** Special exhibits include Danny Lyon: Memories of the Southern Civil Rights Movement, Nature All Around Us, Natural Histories: 400 Years of Scientific Illustration, and Ayana Ross: From Whence You Came. The pass allows for up to two adults and four children.

This is one of many **museum passes** you can check out at the library! You can have a pass out for one week with no renewals. It can only be checked out at the Whitehall Township Public Library and returned inside this library at the circulation desk. You can place a hold on a pass. Overdue fines are \$10.00 a day.



February Fun

Find Your Match

Match the romance novel with its author. (Answers are below.)

1. *Anne of Green Gables*
2. *Bridget Jones's Diary*
3. *Cinder*
4. *Divergent*
5. *Gone with the Wind*
6. *Jane Eyre*
7. *Les Misérables*
8. *Little Women*
9. *North and South*
10. *The Notebook*
11. *Outlander*
12. *Pride and Prejudice*
13. *The Princess Bride*
14. *The Selection*
15. *Twilight*

- A. Charlotte Brontë
- B. Diana Gabaldon
- C. Elizabeth Gaskell
- D. Helen Fielding
- E. Jane Austen
- F. Kiera Cass
- G. Louisa May Alcott
- H. Lucy Maud Montgomery
- I. Margaret Mitchell
- J. Marissa Meyer
- K. Nicholas Sparks
- L. Stephenie Meyer
- M. Veronica Roth
- N. Victor Hugo
- O. William Goldman



Dragon Hunt

Find these dragon-related words. (Some are from literature.)

R	D	O	C	A	W	Y	V	E	R	N	R	D
Y	G	U	A	M	S	O	G	N	O	O	E	M
D	R	D	E	N	C	A	E	G	R	L	Y	P
D	A	R	G	O	A	F	A	I	R	A	E	H
R	E	A	B	N	L	R	O	N	D	T	A	O
A	N	O	R	B	E	R	T	A	P	A	S	T
I	R	H	T	R	S	M	E	R	N	L	C	A
G	U	E	I	A	M	S	P	E	L	A	A	M
G	T	F	A	L	M	H	T	Y	A	M	L	A
O	E	R	T	A	M	A	I	N	R	H	O	I
C	A	S	U	R	E	R	U	S	A	E	R	T
H	R	F	A	L	K	O	R	W	Y	V	A	E
N	K	L	O	C	A	R	D	R	O	G	O	N

- DRACO
- DROGON
- EMPYREAN
- ERAGON
- FALKOR
- FIRE
- HOARD
- NORBERT
- PERN

- SCALES
- SMAUG
- TALAMH
- TALON
- TIAMAT
- TREASURE
- WYVERN
- Y DDRAIG GOCH



Match Answers: 1=H, 2=D, 3=J, 4=M, 5=I, 6=A, 7=N, 8=G, 9=C, 10=K, 11=B, 12=E, 13=O, 14=F, 15=L